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## FISH INDUSTRY PLANS EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Despite the tremendous aid given to it by the government in 1948, the Far East fish industry did not fulfill the State plan. The Soviet of Ministers USSR recently drew up a decree providing for a more extensive and more rapid development of the Far East fish industry, the fishing and transport fleet, shipbuilding, production of packing materials, and subsidiary enterprises.

Particular attention is being given to mechanization of the industry. In comparison with 1947, mechanization of the means of unloading fishing boats and conveying fish to processing enterprises will be increased more than 16 times in the next 4 years. The number of fish pumps will be increased more than 10 times. Machine-building enterprises are now producing many fish-processing machines. All labor-consuming processes in fish packing are being mechanized. Installation of new electric power plants will be particularly extensive in fish combines and plants on Kamchatka and the Okhotsk coast.

The subsidiary farms of fishing enterprises will be expanded to meet the population's needs for potatoes, vegetables, milk, and meat in each local area.

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The number of trading enterprises is being expanded and the flow of industrial goods to fishing regions will be increased. (From an article by A. A. Ishkov, Minister of Fish Industry USSR.)

**DAM TO AID LAKE RAZNO FISH INDUSTRY -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 35, 12 Feb 49**

Construction has been started on a reinforced concrete bridge-dam over the Bezekne River in Latvia. Wooden piles are being driven deep into the bottom of the river. The foundation of the concrete dam will rest on these.

The dam will raise the level of the water in Lake Razno and will create conditions for developing the fish industry. The main construction work on the bridge-dam is being carried out by bridge builders of the sixth road-building section. It is to be completed during 1949.

**LITHUANIAN FISHING FLEET INCREASED -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 35, 12 Feb 49**

The Ministry of Fish Industry Lithuanian SSR has received a considerable number of fishing trawlers from the Estonian SSR. More than 15 million rubles have been appropriated to expand and remodel the fishing fleet during 1949. The Klaypeda Active Sea Fishing Base has been reorganized into the Administration of the Trawler Fleet by decision of the USSR Government.

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